



WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE WASTEWATER SPILLS



Last week we had another wastewater spill to the lake due to fat, wet wipes and tree roots and we want this to stop.

There is an ongoing issue with people flushing or putting things down drains that shouldn't be there with fat, wipes and tree roots causing the biggest issues. In areas where tree roots have entered the pipes, these items build up quite quickly and cause blockages. Larger objects our team have found in the system including building materials, rubbish, clothes and even curtains!

We currently spend about \$700,000 a year renewing and repairing of wastewater pipes and another \$150,000 on inspecting and cleaning them.

This financial year we will spend an extra \$395,000 to increase the amount of camera surveillance and we are also using blockage detection technology to ensure any potential issues are known about and dealt to early. This is targeting areas most likely to cause spills to the lake.

As part of our proposed Long-term Plan we are looking at increasing our budget by \$2.33 million over the next 10 years to undertake more work to prevent wastewater spills and we want you to have your say! Remember it is just as important to tell us what you support as it is to tell us the things you don't!

To find out more about our plans and to have your say visit taupo.govt.nz/consultation.



REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Every six years we are required to review how our communities are represented on the Council.

Before we start the process, we want to give people the opportunity to share their views, about what they think will give them fair and effective representation.

At present we have a Mayor who is elected at large from all voters across the Taupō District and 10 councillors elected in three different wards:

- » One councillor is elected from the Mangakino-Pouakani ward;
- » Two councillors are elected from the Turangi-Tongariro ward; and
- » Seven councillors elected from the Taupō-Kaingaroa ward.

We also have the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board, which represents the interest of the southern lakes area. It has a membership of eight made up of six elected community board representatives and two district councillors.

You can find out more about the process and potential options on our website. You can have your say online at taupo.govt.nz/consultation.

Once we have received feedback from the community the Council will decide on an initial proposal for more formal consultation.

EASTER WEEKEND REFUSE AND RECYCLING

REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

There will be no refuse or recycling collection on Good Friday, March 30. Collection normally done on Friday will be done on Thursday, March 29.

Normal collections will resume on Easter Monday, April 2.

Your refuse and recycling must be out by 7.30am.

If you need to contact council at any time, you can call 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832). This is a 24/7 service.

LANDFILL, RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE AND TRANSFER STATIONS

The Broadlands Road Landfill, Resource Recovery Centre and all transfer stations will be closed on Good Friday, March 30. Opening hours for other days during this period are as normal.

WHAT'S ON?

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| Until Apr 1 | Easterfest, various locations |
| Until Apr 2 | Dog Show, Taupō Museum |
| Until Apr 9 | Translated into Paper, Taupō Museum |

For more information on Taupō District events visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com



Mayor David Trewavas



Deputy Mayor Rosie Harvey



John Boddy



Barry Hickling



Rosanne Jollands



Tanganui Kingi



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